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SUBJ: TOGO-DAHOMAY RELATIONS: EYADEMA VISIT TO COTONOU, MAY 21

1. TOGO-PRESSE MAY 21 ANNOUNCES EYADEMA IS GOING TO COTONOU TODAY TO REPAY KEREKOU'S MAY 7, 1973 VISIT TO LOME. ACCORDING TO T-P, INVITATION WAS EXTENDED TO EYADEMA ON APRIL 23 BY DAHOMEY MIN FON AFFAIRS MAJOR MICHEL ALLADAYE.

2. ALLADAYE'S CALL ON EYADEMA ON APRIL 23 TO DELIVER "PERSONAL MESSAGE" FROM KEREKOU TO EYADEMA WAS NOT RPT NOT REPORTED FROM HERE AT TIME AS IT APPEARED, DESPITE ALLADAYE'S DENIAL TO PRESS, THAT MEETING WAS RESULT OF INCIDENT IN PORTO NOVO INVOLVING TOGOLESE FOOTBALL CLUB MODELE OF LOME AND DAHOMEAN TEAM ASSO OF PORTO NOVO. (TOGOLESE PLAYERS WERE MOLESTED AND SEVERAL CARS AND A BUS CARRYING TOGOLESE FANS WERE DAMAGED.)

3. CHIEF PROBLEM IN TOGO-DAHOMAY RELATIONS, OR BETTER, EYADEMA-KEREKOU RELATIONS, IS CONTINUED RESIDENCE IN VOLUNTARY EXILE THERE OF EYADEMA'S POLITICAL OPPONENTS, NOE KUTUKLUI AND GUY KOUASSIGAN, TWO OLD OLYMPIO MEN. THEY WERE AMONG THOSE EYADEMA INVITED TO RETURN TO TOGO IN JANUARY JUST BEFORE HIS PLANE CRASH. THEIR STATUS WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE ON AGENDA FOR EYADEMA-KEREKOU MEETING.

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